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Attorney Docket No.: QBIO1140-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Gautsch, et. al. Art Unit: 1651  
Application No.: 09/863,137 Examiner: F. Prats  
Filed: May 22, 2001  
Title: METHOD FOR ISOLATING DNA

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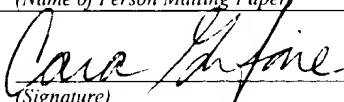
This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing an Amendment in Response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2002.

The requested extension is for Three (3) Months, extending the period for response from December 10, 2002 to March 10, 2003.

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Enclosed is Check No. 531208 in the total amount of \$474.00; which consists of the fee for Three (3) Month extension of time and claim in excess fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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